

# ECHOES FROM JONES STREET

AUGUST 16, 2018 | LYNN MINGES

**NCRLA**

NC Restaurant  
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# LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2018

- **Uncharacteristically short**
- **Unusual budget process**
- **Hot button topics**
- **Hospitality industry's success**





## HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY WINS

- **\$200,000 in workforce development funding**





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- **Alcoholic beverage law reform**
  - Mixed beverage tax stamps
  - Mixed beverages on golf courses





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## **ALLOW PLACEMENT OF MIXED BEVERAGES TAX STAMP ON ANY VERTICAL PORTION OF A SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR BOTTLE**

**SECTION 3.(a)** Definition. – "Mixed Beverages Tax Stamp Rule" means 14B NCAC 15A .1901 (Mixed Beverages Tax Stamp) for purposes of this section and its implementation.

**SECTION 3.(b)** Mixed Beverages Tax Stamp Rule. – Until the effective date of the revised permanent rule that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission is required to adopt pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Commission shall implement the Mixed Beverages Tax Stamp Rule as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

**SECTION 3.(c)** Implementation. – Notwithstanding subsection (b) of the Mixed Beverages Tax Stamp Rule, the Commission shall not require the mixed beverages tax stamp to be affixed to the original paper labeling of each container and shall allow the mixed beverages tax stamp to be affixed to any vertical portion of the container.

**SECTION 3.(d)** The Commission shall adopt a rule to amend the Mixed Beverages Tax Stamp Rule consistent with subsection (c) of this section.

**SECTION 3.(e)** Sunset. – This section expires when permanent rules adopted as required by subsection (d) of this section become effective.

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**NO ONE  
SHOULD BE  
FORCED,  
DECEIVED,  
OR PRESSURED  
INTO WORK  
OR SEX ACTS.**

**GET HELP OR SHARE A TIP**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL

CALL **888-373-7888**

TEXT **BEFREE (233733)**

**HUMANTRAFFICKINGHOTLINE.ORG**

This poster is distributed by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission  
and the North Carolina Department of Justice.

[htc.nc.gov](http://htc.nc.gov)



NORTH CAROLINA  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
COMMISSION



Attorney General

**Josh Stein**

March 7, 2018

RE: Posting Human Trafficking Awareness Signs

Dear North Carolina Business or Organization:

North Carolina has one of the top 10 highest rates of human trafficking reported nationally. Human trafficking happens in many forms. People of any age and any background can be forced, threatened, or tricked into working or being sold for sex against their will. Survivors of human trafficking need help understanding they are victims and where they can turn for help.

Both public and private anti-human trafficking groups are working hard to end this crime. As part of these efforts, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a law requiring that certain businesses and organizations display a human trafficking awareness poster, designed and distributed by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission ("HTC"), with the assistance of the North Carolina Department of Justice.

According to the statute, SL 2017-57, you are a covered entity and "shall prominently display on [your] premises in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information." **This means you are required by law to display the attached poster in your business or organization and make certain it can be seen without obstruction.**

We have enclosed the poster with this letter and provide the following recommendations on displaying the poster:

- Post in a location where it can stand out. Don't post, for example, on a wall with many other posters.
- Post in a location where both your employees and members of the public are likely to see it.

An electronic version of this poster, while not a substitute for the enclosed hard copy, can also be downloaded and printed from [htc.nc.gov](http://htc.nc.gov). These posters are designed to be printed on 11x17 paper. The poster will also soon be available in additional languages at the same website. If you have questions regarding these instructions or would like more information about human trafficking, please email us at [HTC@ncdoj.gov](mailto:HTC@ncdoj.gov) or visit the HTC website, [htc.nc.gov](http://htc.nc.gov).



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**SECTION 5.4.** If Senate Bill 99, 2017 Regular Session, becomes law, then G.S. 18B-1003(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) Posting Human Trafficking Hotline. – All permittees shall prominently display on the premises in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees ~~and the public~~ a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information."

## HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY WINS

- **Restaurateur Appointment to the Public Health Commission**



**Greg Hatem, Empire Eats**

**The Raleigh Times Bar, The Morning Times, Sitti, Gravy, The Pit  
Authentic Barbecue**



## ON THE HORIZON

- **November Election**
  - **All 170 NC seats up for grabs**
  - **Struggle to maintain/defeat the supermajority**
- **November Special Session**
  - **Agenda TBD**



# NCRLA PRIORITIES

- **Laying the groundwork for 2019**
  - **Appetite for ABC reform**
  - **Short-term rentals**
  - **Meals & Occupancy taxes**
  - **Updating the Food Code**





## IS YOUR BUSINESS READY FOR NEW REGS?

- **New temperature requirements for cold holding go into effect 1/1/19**

**Keep cold foods**



**or below**

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